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Requirements Reminder for Hunting in a Fever Tick Quarantine Zone

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reminds hunters in South Texas of additional precautions required when handling white-tailed deer, nilgai, antelope, black buck, axis deer, and other exotic cervids harvested in fever tick quarantine zones.

“As hunting season approaches, we are asking for hunters help to ensure fever ticks are not inadvertently transported to unaffected areas of the state when harvesting deer or exotics from fever tick infested areas,” said Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC State Veterinarian and Executive Director. “Hunters can play a critical role in protecting the state from the further spread of fever ticks.”

Landowners, leaseholders, or other individuals who plan to harvest, move, or capture native or exotic free-ranging cervids located on a quarantined premises must have the animals inspected and treated by a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative before removing the carcasses, hides, capes or animals from the premises.

Portions of Cameron, Hidalgo, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties have established fever tick quarantines.

“We want to remind hunters of the importance of participating in the quick and simple inspection and treatment process,” said Dr. Angela Lackie, TAHC Assistant Executive Director of Animal Health Programs. “To be issued a permit for movement from the premises, hunters will need to call the [representative for their county](#) to inspect and treat hides, capes, and/or animals presented.”

To learn more about fever tick wildlife inspections, visit www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/feverticks-pests/TAHCBrochure_FeverTickWildlifeInspection.pdf. For more information about fever ticks visit https://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/feverticks-pests/#feverticks.

To request wildlife inspections, please find TAHC and USDA contact information at https://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/feverticks-pests/#hunters.

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Texas Fever Tick Quarantine Zones

